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Governor Musgrove to Join Governors on Visit To New York and Washington

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove will be part of a delegation of governors visiting New York City and Washington, D.C., to demonstrate his confidence in the commercial airlines and to pay his respects to the victims and families involved in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

"It is important for us to get the message out that commercial airlines are safe, and travel should return to its normal patterns," Musgrove said. "President Bush has urged Americans to get back to 'business as usual,' and that's what we're going to do."

Musgrove will join Governor Mike Huckabee (Arkansas), Governor Paul Patton (Kentucky), Governor Parris Glendenning (Maryland), and Governor Don Sundquist (Tennessee) in traveling to New York on Sunday, where they will be joined by New York Governor George Pataki. Virginia Governor James Gilmore will join the delegation in Washington on Tuesday.

In New York, the governors will pay their respects to the victims and families of the attacks, and are scheduled to appear on the "Today" show Monday morning. They will fly to Washington Monday morning to pay their respects to those killed and wounded at the Pentagon.